

# WHAT'S UP, DACH?

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## HOT News

### Pediatric Clinic Has Moved

Darnall's Pediatric Clinic has relocated next to the TRICARE Service Center, across the parking lot from the hospital. All patients seen in the clinic in Killeen will now be seen at the new location.

The phone number for the clinic is 286-7609 or 286-7699.

## MEDDAC Happenings

### Force Protection News

To further enhance force protection security for DACH a barrier wall will be erected around the entire facility.

Construction has already started on the wall, which will be completed in phases. The completion date is scheduled for January 2004. Please adhere to all safety and security guidelines during construction.

Please direct all questions to Christopher Snodgrass, [Christopher.Snodgrass@amedd.army.mil](mailto:Christopher.Snodgrass@amedd.army.mil), Logistics Division, 286-7313 or Pearl Booker, [Pearl.Booker@amedd.army.mil](mailto:Pearl.Booker@amedd.army.mil), DRETS, 286-7252.

## Commander's Corner

Darnall Staff,

About 2 weeks ago, I provided the organization my command guidance. I'd like to focus this edition's Commander's column

on teamwork. Teamwork is an integral part of our organization. Organizations work best when they achieve a unity of effort. Unity of effort means active duty, DA civilians and contractors – all MEDDAC personnel – working collectively to achieve a common goal. We must foster collaboration not just within our own sections, departments, clinics, but also across sections, departments, clinics and disciplines as we strive to excel in the many diverse health care aspects of supporting III Corps combat effectiveness.

We must embed teamwork in our everyday duties. Collaboration is essential to get things done well and on time. When reorganizing personnel throughout the MEDDAC, we will coordinate and synchronize movements between sections, clinics and departments six weeks prior to the actual move taking place. Patient safety as well as our own safety both on and off duty involves teamwork. A system of checks and balances exists to ensure our patients' safety. We must all work together to ensure that safety.

The Global War on Terrorism and its unpredictable course will continue for many years. Through continual embedding of teamwork in our culture, we will create the emotional, mental and physical stamina to endure.

Thank you for your hard work and dedication to the mission of Darnall. You are what make this organization great. I am very proud to be a part of this team.

Proud to serve, Proud to care, Col. Bernard L. DeKoning



# Training Opportunities

## Patient Safety Lecture

The next patient safety lecture is scheduled for Oct. 13 from 12-1 p.m. in the auditorium. The topic for the class is Disclosure of Unanticipated Outcomes/Medical Errors. The hospital's legal counselor, Gary Manuele, will give the lecture.

If you attend the patient safety lecture, be sure to annotate it in your human resource folder as Patient Safety Training.

Please call 288-8270 if you have questions.

## Safety and the Manager

The next Safety and the Manager class is scheduled for Oct. 15 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in building 36001, room 158. This class is mandatory for all supervisors.

To register for the class, please call the Safety Office at 286-7381 or 288-8477.

## Customer Service Class

The Customer Service Class is scheduled for Oct. 17 from 7:30-11:30 a.m. in the hospital auditorium. For more information, please call 288-8156.

## MEDDAC Supervisors Training

This training is scheduled for Oct. 21 from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Soldier Development Center. It is designed specifically for new civil service supervisors, but current supervisors are welcome to attend.

The training will feature information on the Resumix referral list, workman's comp, negotiated agreement, the employee assistance program, and the equal employment opportunity programs.

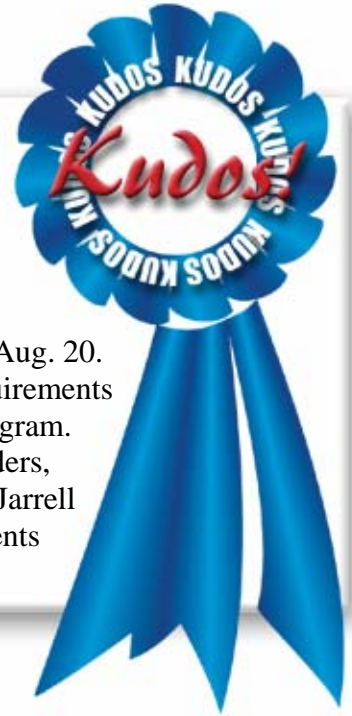
Please call 286-7238 to register for the class.

## Kudos to Nurse Anesthesia Students

Congratulations to the four Army Nurse Corps officers currently studying in the US Army Graduate Program in Nurse Anesthesia for successfully defending their thesis Aug. 20.

A thesis defense is one of the requirements for completion of the 36-month program.

Congratulations to Capt. Jeff Borders, Capt. Carrie Miles, Capt. Michelle Jarrell and Capt. Joseph Stover. The students will graduate in December.



## Did You Know?

### Physical Therapy Clinic Open House

The Physical Therapy Clinic is hosting an open house Oct. 16 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the clinic to celebrate Physical Therapy Month. Everyone is invited to attend.

### Emergency Center To Move in October

The Emergency Center will relocate to a temporary building Oct. 15 as construction begins on a two-year renovation. The temporary building is located in the ED parking lot

### Infection Control Week

Oct. 20-26 has been designated Infection Control Week. This is an annual event in which the Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology (APIC) and individual infection control nurses make special efforts to focus attention on the prevention of infections in healthcare settings. The theme this year is Lend Healthcare A Hand By Washing Yours.

To recognize this year's event, the Infection Control Room of Horrors returns, in which the participants identify infection control violations set up in a mock patient room. Other events include a hand-washing challenge comparing the alcohol-based hand rub with regular soap and running water. More information will be announced in the upcoming weeks. Please call Annie Munn at 288-8476 for more information.



### Marriage Workshop

A marriage workshop for MEDDAC employees is scheduled for Oct. 31 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Soldier and Family Readiness Center, building 37007, on the corner of Old Ironsides and 75<sup>th</sup> Street.

Please call 288-8849 for more information.

### Network-Wide Email Messages

There is a new procedure for sending email messages network-wide. All messages must be sent to [dach.postmaster@amedd.army.mil](mailto:dach.postmaster@amedd.army.mil). Each message must contain a contact name, email address and phone number.

For more information, please call 288-8374.

### Central Texas Walk for Diabetes

The Central Texas 5K Walk for Diabetes is scheduled for Nov. 15 at Central Texas College Campus, building 106. Registration and check-in starts at 7 a.m.

For more information on how to form a team, be a sponsor, or make a donation, please call Christina Thompson, Diabetes Coordinator, at 286-7856 or 288-8488 or contact her via Outlook.

## JCAHO Journal

### The Patient Assessment Chapter

Did you know that JCAHO requires us to assess all patients that enter into care here at DACH?

JCAHO states that the goal of assessment is to determine the appropriate care, treatment, and services to meet the patient's initial needs as well as his or her changing needs while in the hospital setting.

What does this mean? It means that we will collect data about each patient's health history, physical, functional, and psychosocial status. We must also analyze that data to produce information about the patient's need for care, treatment and services. At this time we may also identify the need for additional data or further assessment as applicable.

Our guide for assessing patients is located in MEDDAC Pamphlet No. 40-2, The Plan for the Provision of Patient Care Services.

For more information, please contact Amy Burris-Burrow at 288-8859.

### O Day Activities

MEDDAC Organization Day will take place Sept. 26. A training holiday schedule has been authorized after 10 a.m. that day. Meal tickets are now on sale outside the dining facility during lunchtime. The following activities will take place on O Day:

**Flag Football:** Alpha and Bravo Company will play each other in a flag football game beginning at 2:30 p.m.

**Softball Tournament:** Each team must have 10 players on the field and up to 15 on its roster. Playoffs will be Sept. 25 at 5 p.m. The championship game will be Sept. 26 at 12:30 p.m. All teams must have at least 3 males and 3 females.

**Volleyball Tournament:** Each team must have six players on the field and up to ten on the roster. Playoffs begin at 11 a.m. Sept. 26 with the championship game at 1:30 p.m.

#### **Board Game Championships:**

**Spades Championship:** This game is for teams of two. Playoffs begin at 11 a.m. Sept. 26 with the championship at 1:30 p.m.

**Dominoes Championship:** Playoffs begin at 11 a.m. Sept. 26, and the championship is scheduled for 1:30 p.m.

Please register your teams by Sept. 19. No registration is necessary for the dominoes championship.

For more information, or to register for one of the activities, please contact Sgt. Ulysses Chaney via Outlook.